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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant elected Group II: Claims 1-36 with out traverse is acknowledged.

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application.

In Election dated 8/16/2005, Applicant's election with traverse of a) Species I (Group I: **Claims 1-9**) **Method of forming a bond pad. A bond pad is located in a dielectric layer is acknowledged.**

Applicant have the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims:

- b) **Species II, e.g. Set of claims 10- 11: Method of forming a wire bond pad. A bond pad is located in a second dielectric layer.**
- c) **Species III, e.g. Sets of claims 12-13; 14-15 and 35-36: Method of forming a duplex bond pad.**
- d) **Species IV, e.g. Set of claims 16-21 and 32-34: Method of forming a bond pad by forming an electrical line in the bond pad hole and a lined contiguous trench**
- e) **Species V, e.g. Set of claims 22- 24 and 25- 31: Method of forming a bond pad. A bond pad is located in a dielectric layer employing a dual damascene technique.**

The traversal is on the ground(s) that see the election paper. This is not found persuasive because the fields of search for *Species I - Species V claims* are NOT coextensive and the determinations of patentability of *Species I - Species V claims* are

different, that is *Species I - Species V* limitations are given weight differently in determining the patentability of the claimed inventions. Also, the strategies for doing text searching of *Species I - Species V claims* are different. Thus, separate searches are required.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made **FINAL**.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

i) The specification is objected to for the following reason: The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed (see MPEP § 606.01).

A title such as –Method of forming bonding pad for integrated circuits -- is suggested.

Note that, the claims 1- 9 are directed to a method of making bonding pad for integrated circuit.

The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

ii) Cancellation of non- elective claims 10-40.

If Applicants are aware of better art than that which has been cited, they are required to call such to attention of the examiner.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

When responding to the office action, Applicants' are advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist the examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung A. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-1784. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday 6:00am- 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

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